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I am for the proposed settlement even though I think the case should be dismissed because the court incorrectly narrows the "industry" being monopolized to just Microsoft's customers. If the same reasoning were applied to, say, Oracle then the "industry" would then be narrowed to just Oracle's customers and, lo and behold, Oracle is then a monopoly. Like Sun. Like IBM. Like the corner shoe repair shop.

Why on earth would you limit the huge computer software industry to just the tiny sliver that runs on computers that are arbitrarily labeled desktops? A computer is a computer. Software is software. All together they are an industry. Why draw the line at just Microsoft's customers? This whole case is nothing but a sham, an unjust way of using the courts to reward the uncompetitive practices of Microsoft's rivals.

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